

FEBRUARY COURT.

A Small Attendance, Only Four Criminal Cases on the List.—George A. Buckingham Esq. Appointed Foreman of the Grand Jury.

The regular February term of Court opened Monday morning with only Hon. E. R. Ikeler, President Judge, on the bench. Associate Judge Millard, coming in a few minutes afterwards. The report of the reviewers on a private road in Benton township, near Samuel Rinard, in favor of a road, was confirmed nisi.

Upon petition of W. A. Maney, guardian of Emma Westbrook, he was allowed to pay her seventy-five dollars for necessary clothing.

The list of Grand Jurors was called, and the following excused from service. Samuel Cortwright, Josiah Coleman, O. F. Ferris, John Price, and G. H. Welliver. George A. Buckingham, of Berwick, was appointed foreman and the charge of the Court was very brief. He said, "the criminal list this term fortunately for the county is very small. There are only four cases, which consist of two for petty larceny, and two of fornication and bastardy. Were it not for the fact that one of the defendants is in jail, we would continue all the cases and discharge you. But the law provides that any one charged with the commission of a crime, shall have a speedy trial." He concluded his address to them by informing them as to their duties in the Grand Jury room. William C. Shaw was appointed tip stave to wait upon them. The Auditor's report in the estate of Sarah Johnson deceased was filed and confirmed nisi.

Daniel Roach vs. Jacob R. Bowes. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

The auditor's report in the estate of J. M. Hulsizer deceased was confirmed nisi.

In the matter of a County bridge in Benton township, near Benton Cole's, the report of the viewers in favor of a bridge was confirmed nisi.

The reports of the auditor in the estates of Samuel and Alice Hess deceased were confirmed nisi.

The trial list was called and the following cases were marked for trial: James K. Eyer's Ex. vs. George W. Sterner. School Furnishing Co. vs. Bloomsburg Belt Rail Road Co. A. C. Rohrbach vs. Charles Hughes. L. T. Rider vs. Mathias Gingles. David Persing vs. Thomas J. Hoffman, D. B. Beck vs. Catawissa Fibre Co.

Upon the petition of citizens of Millville Borough, J. C. Christian was appointed Burgess. A vacancy occurring by reason of the resignation of J. C. Patton.

The report of the reviewers on Jefferson street in town of Bloomsburg was confirmed nisi.

The Court said "that the law required that there be a constable at each election district during the election. Must be there when the polls are opened, and see that the board are sworn before the ballot box is opened, and remain there during the whole day. That the ballot used at the previous election must be destroyed, neither dare they divulge how any one voted. The box must be sealed, by placing on the box the name of the officer sealing it."

Exceptions to the report of reviewers on a public road in Benton township near Hiram Everett's filed, and at the same time a petition for reviewers was filed. In the case of Martha A. Case vs. the D. L. and W. Rail Road Company the Sheriff was allowed to amend his return.

In the estate of J. M. Bowen deceased, the order of sale was continued until February 5, 1896.

The auditor in the estate of William Miller deceased, was continued until Saturday.

The order of sale in the estate of John Hummer deceased was continued until next term.

H. A. McKillip Esq. was continued as Auditor in the estate of G. W. Adams deceased.

N. C. Oblosser, was appointed constable to attend the election in East Greenwood township.

William Chrisman Esq. was continued as Auditor in the estate of E. O. Jackson deceased.

The order to viewers to lay out, and vacate a public road in Scott township were continued until next term.

Sale of real estate ordered in the estate of Margaret Kostenbauder deceased.

The Auditor's report in the estate of Daniel Zarr deceased was confirmed nisi.

Petition of William Rechel, guardian, to sell real estate in Catawissa presented and granted. A petition was also presented asking that Catawissa be divided into two wards. Upon petition Jesse Mensch was au-

thorized to sell real estate of John Notestein deceased. The Register presented his accounts which were confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed in four days they will be confirmed absolute by the Court. The order to viewers on a public road in Sugarloaf township near J. B. Davis was continued, and the same disposition was made of an order to viewers on a County bridge in the same township near Herbert Harrington. In the estate of A. J. Evans, the order of sale was continued. In the estate of John Appleman deceased the order of sale as to the tract known as the "Buckhorn farm" was continued until next term. Guy Jacoby Esq. was continued as Auditor in the estate of Samuel Coleman deceased. In the assigned estate of William Neal, the order of sale as to tract No. 7, known as the McClure farm was continued. The reports of sale in the estate of David Achenbach, and William Beck were confirmed nisi.

In the case of Lavina Rabuck vs. S. H. and W. R. R. Company, the motion for a new trial was refused. This was the time fixed for the hearing in the application of Maria Ranck for a discharge under the insolvent laws. Owing to the absence of counsel for the County Commissioners, the matter was continued until Tuesday afternoon. In the matter of the application of Delilah Sterner, for a rule to show cause why re-reviewers should not be appointed on the assessment of damages on West Street, the matter was continued for tie present.

The return to the order of sale in the assigned estate of I. W. McKelvy was confirmed nisi.

D. C. Montgomery vs. H. C. Royer, Interpleader. Case continued until next Monday. The Court stated that the attorneys must be prepared to proceed with their cases on Monday. They must have their witnesses in attendance. If not they would be non-suited, or obliged to go at the bottom of the list. Report of viewers in favor of a public road near Harrison Kreischer in Roaringcreek township confirmed nisi.

A petition was presented asking for the appointment of viewers on a bridge over Chilisquaque creek, in Madison township, near Jacob Wintersteen. The following disposition was made of cases on the criminal calendar. Commonwealth vs. Hervy Furman, continued. Same vs. Florence Donahue, continued. Commonwealth vs. Edward Walsh, the defendant had not been apprehended. Commonwealth vs. P. C. Black, Nol Pros. allowed upon payment of costs. Com. vs. William Lockard continued. Com. vs. Charles Creasy, Recognizance forfeited to be respited by appearance of defendant at next term.

Commonwealth vs. Clark Fegley, Nol Pros allowed upon payment of costs. Com. vs. Harry Wheatly and Charles Millard. Recognizance forfeited to be respited by the appearance of the defendants at the next term. Com. vs. Collins McHenry, case settled. In the estate of Lloyd Rarig, sale of real estate ordered for the payment of debts. The license application of Harvey Deiterick was disposed of by the Court granting the license. In the estate of Samuel Hess, deceased sealed bids were filed.

The Grand Jury returned true bills in the cases of the Commonwealth vs. Harry Shultz and Charles Watts larceny, and in the one against George W. Gearhart, incest and bastardy.

The first case called was that of the Commonwealth vs. Edward Gibbons. The defendant was a son of the Emerald Isle having emigrated to this Country in 1865, and in following up his business, which was repairing umbrellas and clocks, he had landed at Eversgrove, this County about a year ago. He was charged with having about the 11th of last January, committed a breach of the peace by using threatening language and abusing his family. The story as told by Moses McHenry, a miller in that village, was substantially as follows: The defendant came to the mill the day in question considerably under the influence of liquor and expressed his ability to whip any one in the village. There were quite a number of persons in the mill at the time, but as they had not been in training for pugilistic encounters, no one accepted the challenge. He then went over to his home, and in a short time one of his boys came to the mill and told them they needed help, as his father was abusing the family. Mr. McHenry and Johnson went over, had a talk with the man, and attempted to make him behave. He and McHenry got into an altercation. He struck McHenry, and Johnson struck him. He testified that the defendant had threatened to burn him out, and kill him. That he had repeatedly kicked and

abused his wife. The testimony of J. R. Johnson substantiated all that had been said by Mr. McHenry and in addition testified that he had threatened to blow up the church, and that the people in that neighborhood were all afraid of him.

Mrs. Charles Dollman testified that she heard him say that he would blow up the church, kill these men, and then kill himself. The defendant on his own behalf testified that he had no recollection of the circumstances. That if he had made these threats he did not know it, or mean it. That the people of Eversgrove had been kind to him, and he bore them no ill will.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Court opened with a much larger audience than was present Monday morning. Upon petition James J. Grant and A. J. Barret were appointed overseers of the election for the E. N. election district of Conyngham township. The case of Susan Cooper vs. Daniel Miller on the trial list for next week, was owing to fact that the present counsel had been in the case only a few weeks continued over the term. The Grand Jury having returned a true bill in the case of the Com. vs. G. W. Gearhart, Incest and Bastardy, W. H. Rhawn Esq. representing the defendant, moved that it be continued until May sessions, owing to the fact that the information was laid only January 28th and the defendant had not had sufficient time to prepare his defense. The case was continued, and the recognizance of the defendant was forfeited to be respited by his appearance at the next sessions. The list of traverse jurors was called and the following excused, Stephen Knorr, Frank Myers and James Magee 1st. Benjamin Pennypacker was reported sick.

The case of Com. vs. Shultz and Watts, larceny, was called by the district Attorney, Col. Freeze representing Watts moved the Court for a separate trial, and after some argument, the Court granted the motion, and the District Attorney called up the case of Com. vs. Hiram Shultz. This case comes from Mr. Pleasant township and the prosecutor was the trustees of the "Kitchen" M. E. Church. W. H. Chrisman Esq. represented the defendant, and the District Attorney looked after the interests of the commonwealth. In opening the case Mr. Hanly informed the jury that on or about the night of December 12, last past, the defendant in company with Watts attended a meeting at this church, and when they departed two robes were missing. That the robes were traced to the possession of the defendant. The first witness called was William McMahon who testified that he attended church at the place in question on the evening of Dec. 12, 1895. That when he entered the church he left a robe valued at \$20.00 in his buggy, and that when he came out to go home the robe was gone. He said the next time he saw it, was on the 21st of December when it was brought to him by Hiram Shultz. The robe of Rev. Smith which was taken the same night, was returned at the same time. When questioned as to the conversation he had with Shultz, he said, Shultz had told him that he had gone to the meeting with Charles Watts, and on the way home Watts asked him if he was cold, saying he had two robes, which he got out from under the seat of the buggy.

Rev. Smith testified that he had a robe taken that night valued at \$8.00. That when he next saw it, a piece of sheep skin which had been sewed on the bottom had been cut off. C. R. Parker, a Justice of the Peace, said that he knew the defendant, that he had made an affidavit before him stating that he had not taken the robes, and did not know they were in the buggy until they were half way home, when Watts asked him if he was cold, saying he had something to keep them warm.

Lloyd Watts testified that he was the father of Charles Watts, one of the boys implicated in this trouble. He testified that Hiram Shultz told him where he could find the sheep skins, and two tails that belonged to the robe in his father's barn. That he went and found them just where Hiram said they were.

Charles Watts, the other boy implicated, was called, and said that they had been at the church only a few minutes, part of which time Shultz was on the opposite side of the church from him; that he came to him and said, come on if you are going home. Denied knowing anything about the robes. This closed the Commonwealth's cases.

Defendant's first witness was Hiram Shultz, the defendant, who related how he and Watts went to church, but he insisted that he went into the house, and that Watts remained out-

side. That he had been there 10 or 15 minutes when Watts insisted on going home. That when about half way home Watts drew out the robes as above stated. I said he should take them back, but he said he would put them in our barn. The next morning he came up and cut off the tails from one of the robes and the sheep skin from the bottom of the other. He stuck the sheep skin and tails along the side of the barn. At this point the examination was interrupted by the Grand Jury entering and presenting their report. They reported that they had performed their duties, had examined the public buildings and found them all in excellent condition, but would recommend that the Sheriff's office be painted and papered. The Court called the Commissioners before him and stated that he understood that the Methodist church desired to use the Court House for religious service during the erection of their new church and that they desired the matter submitted to the Grand Jury for their action. He said that he had heard it rumored that the Court had expressed an opinion that the matter must be referred to the Grand Jury. That was a mistake. He had never made that assertion. That the Commissioners had passed a resolution in which they had refused to allow the Court House to be used for any purpose, and that unless a majority of them desired to rescind that resolution he would not send it before the Grand Jury. The Commissioners stated that they would stand by the resolution as it appeared on their minutes. The Grand Jury was then discharged.

Christian Endeavor Day.

The fifteenth anniversary of the organization of this excellent society of young people was celebrated last Sunday in our town with the enthusiasm that only Christian Endeavorers can get up. The union meeting in the Lutheran church was all the building could hold. Everybody wanted to be at the meeting and crowded every nook and corner. The song service was led by Miss Ernest of the Evangelical church, and the meeting proper by Mr. Jay Brower of the Presbyterian church. The orchestra of the Y. M. C. A. was present and the singing was an inspiration. Very many took part in the service and the hour was all too short for all who wished to participate. This meeting was followed by another service held by the Lutheran Society which was led by Prof. Albert. Many of the members attending the first meeting remained for the second, and the interest was maintained throughout. The second service lasted about an hour and a quarter and was enjoyed by everybody. This remarkable organization has grown in fifteen years from one society in a little village in Maine to over 43,000 in every civilized country in the world, and a membership of 2,600,000. At this rapid growth the 25th anniversary will have a membership of ten million. What a host of Christian young people banded together for the exclusive purpose of making better men and women, better citizens and better patriots.

Miss Minerva Dorr, who so successfully played "Jane" last season in Mr. Frohman's Co., and made such a pronounced hit for which she received great credit for her comedy work wherever she appeared, will be seen here at the Opera House Saturday Feb'y 8th in the fantastic comedy "Niobe" by Harry and Edward Paulton, authors of that most comic opera, "Erminie." The piece has hit the public fancy and is neatly adjusted to the current popular taste. With Miss Dorr as "Niobe" supported by Mr. Frank Norcross (who for many years appeared in Palmer & Frohman's Co.) and a carefully selected company of comedians, we may expect to have a perfect production of the latest laughing success which, in motive, plot and scenery will prove the novelty of the season. Miss Dorr is a comedienne who has grown in popular favor not alone for her clever acting, but for her fine soprano voice, while Mr. Frank Norcross ranks as one of the first-class comedians of the present time.

State Superintendent Schaeffer has appointed A. U. Leshor of Berwick, Miss Martha Berninger of Catawissa, and Miss Alice Edgar of this place as a committee to examine applicants for permanent certificates as teachers.

Last Sunday afternoon Mrs. H. S. Grover, of Main township, when in the act of climbing down a ladder in the barn, fell, breaking her right limb near the ankle.

NO PROFIT

doing business during these dull days. However goods must be moved and turned into cash, consequently present buyers purchase at positive cost. Rather do this than to carry goods over to next season. A RULE OF OURS.

About two hundred children's overcoats and reefers at one-half price.

\$2.00 ones	\$1.00
3.00 "	1.50
4.00 "	2.00
5.00 "	2.50
6.00 "	3.00
8.00 "	4.00

Men's suits and overcoats and single trousers at positive cost.

Storm coats at cost.

Plush caps and wool underwear at cost.



NEW MANAGEMENT.

After the first of April the management of the Opera House will be in the hands of J. M. Gidding. The room will be remodeled, painted, frescoed and carpeted. The stage will be enlarged to the regulation size, so that it will be possible to place any scenery on it. The present scenery will be laid aside, and new provided. It is the intention of the management to give the people of this place an opportunity of witnessing the very best plays on the road and consistent with the size of the town; and in order to get them they are obliged to have better accommodations than the hall now affords. These improvements mean an outlay of a considerable sum of money, but they are satisfied that the public will appreciate it, and show it by their attendance. Mr. Gidding brings to this work years of experience, and knowing the companies as he does, and the wants of the people as well, we are assured that a bright future is in store for the Bloomsburg Opera House.

From information received from a reliable source we are able to publish the following facts relating to the death of Mrs. Marvin McHenry of Benton. She was taken ill Wednesday, January 29th, while eating dinner, complaining that when she breathed her lungs hurt. She went to her room, and continued growing worse complaining of pleurisy in right side, which she patiently endured until Thursday night, when pneumonia set in, and Friday morning at 5:30 she died. Every thing that was possible was done for her, doctors Bonham and Winley being in constant attendance. But her disease was beyond human help. She was a daughter of Allen Mann, late of Beaver township deceased, and moved to Benton about five years ago, and resided with her brother, C. F. Mann, until her marriage in October, 1893. She leaves to survive her brother, above named, and four sisters, Grace, and Ida Mann, of Benton, Mrs. Jacob Baker of Mt. Grove, and Mrs. C. E. Benton, of Bayonne N. J.

She was aged 19 years, 8 months and ten days, and the funeral services which were held in the M. E. Church Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Owens, assisted by Revs. Maltman and Sutton, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather were largely attended. The bereaved husband has the sympathy of the entire community.

The old McAuley mine, Beaver township, operated by Jacob Baker, took fire on Saturday 25th ult., from the pump boilers. In removing the pump in order to flood the mine, Mr. Baker and two others were overcome by gas and were rescued with great difficulty. The work of extinguishing the fire will take nearly all summer, as the mine must be first filled by turning a creek into it, and the water pumped out again after the fire is extinguished.

The court proceedings as published in this paper are full, complete and accurate. The COLUMBIAN is the only paper published in the county which has a reporter in continuous attendance upon the sessions of the court.

We desire to publicly thank the Court and county officials for providing a table at which our representative can take the proceedings of the Court.

We are informed that the practice of purloining whips, &c., from the buggies of parties in attendance upon service in the country churches is not confined to Mt. Pleasant township. It is to be hoped that the verdict in cases just concluded at this court will be a lesson to parties who have been indulging in these practices.

Mad Dog Bites Two Persons.

A mongrel dog belonging to Joseph Fausey of Espy, became rabid on Saturday night, and while running at large bit two persons. The animal became affected late in the afternoon and bit a large number of other dogs in the town, and then started toward the station just as the train arrived. When Miss Fannie Kline, twenty one years old, alighted from the train the dog approached her, and while she reached down to caress him she was bit in the hand. The dog then ran uptown where he bit an 11 year old colored boy named Bub Mathews. The dog was afterwards killed by Constable Waples and Mr. Fausey.

Miss Kline and the colored boy were taken to New York Sunday night by Dr. Smith and Mr. Kline, who will place them in a Pasteur institute for treatment.